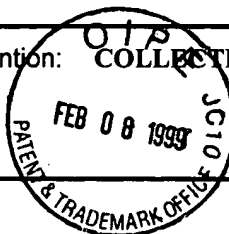

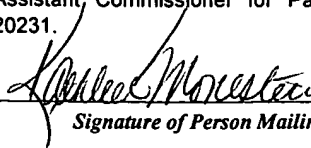


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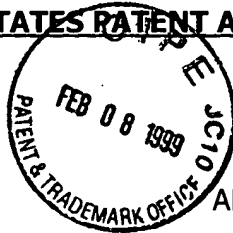
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Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 6, 1998. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The Examiner's approval is requested for the proposed following changes to Figure 1 and Figure 2 of the drawings, as shown in red in the attached copy.

In Figure 1, insert the words --Prior Art--.

In Figure 2, insert the words --Prior Art--.

REMARKS:

The Examiner has indicated that the above-captioned patent application contains claims directed to patentably distinct inventions. The Examiner stated the Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a singly disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants on November 3, 1998 made a provisional election without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, Claims 1-9. This election is now affirmed by the Applicants as requested by the Examiner.